

ple and the preacher. It is wearing on health to sing and speak in a crowded house and then go out in the severe cold of winter.

In number 16 the printer made sister Laura Slotter say, "he'll admit so freely," instead of "We'll admit so freely the half had never been told."

Bro. Holsinger spent last Lord's day with the brethren at Buckeye city, and on Monday expected to go to Dayton to hear the arguments in the church property case.

Two weeks of school after this week, and Ashland College will have passed through another year.

Bro. Hilderbrand, who is attending school here, will fill brother A. A. Cober's appointments during his visit in Pennsylvania.

The annual meetings come at a very favorable time this year for an excursion. The crops will all be in the ground, and farmers will have a slack time.

Brother J. Nicholson writes that he expected to close his meetings at East Elkport, Iowa Sunday. Two had come out, and the interest was good.

Brother McFaden comes out strongly for a general church convention in his letter this week. One year ago about this time there was a good deal said about a convention and then we said that as soon as the college debt was paid we ought to have a convention, and we have not changed our minds yet. As soon as that work is completed, we expect that step will be taken to call a general convention, and then we will have a jubilee. In the meantime let us all do what we can to lay that work upon the shelf—work like some of our sisters are in sending in one and five and eight dollars to help the work along. We never before had any particular desire to have much money, but we wish we had thirty thousand now: we would immortalize our name, set Ashland College straight on its feet, have a convention called for next October, and go on our way rejoicing—yes and send joy into many burdened hearts.

A sister writes this: "I will send one dollar for the College, but do not publish my name."

We must do much for the sake of peace. If—had worked a little more for peace he would have saved himself much trouble and sorrow * * church too. He came home and told us that he was sick at heart; but, said he, it was a pent up spite of four years, that broke out once. I told him that was the trouble from here to California, more or less. It makes my heart ache when I think how little people care what they do in our days. But we must try and work out our own soul's salvation, if we can under the trying trials through which we have to pass in this life. But I hope we will get home by and by where all sorrow will have an end."

Yes, sister, that is the aim: a home, a spiritual home; a place where we will be divested of this carnal nature, and all that belongs to it. It does seem so very strange that men, who believe they are the children of God will pen up spite in their hearts and

carry it therein even so long as four or five years, or even one year, yea one day; when nothing but tribulation, sadness and sorrow can grow out of it. We ought to strive hard to be helpless infants in doing the deeds of the flesh, but strong men in forgiving our enemies and those who trespass against us. Instead of making our hearts a store-house of spite and ill-will, we should endeavor to be first in forgiving and offering terms of peace. Holy Father, enable us to crucify self.

The Salt Creek Church, Reno County, Kansas, at their late Quarterly Council, decided to hold a lovefeast, near Christopher, Kans., twenty-five miles south of Nickerson on May 15th, and hereby extend an invitation to all brethren.

J. F. LEHMAN,
Clerk.

The church at Johnstown will hold a Lovefeast on Sunday May 16th. One baptized on Easter Sunday—the last of 3 applicants as a result of our March series of meetings.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Covington, Ohio, April 30.—A brother asks how many ministers will give him the hand who do not use tobacco. I can say hear is my hand to meet you, without tobacco or Lager Beer, as I can't tell whether it is good or bad, for I have never tasted it. The last tobacco I used was in the year 1839, and now am in my 66 year.

H. G. ULLERY.

To the Brethren of Western Penn.

Greeting: The time, according to the constitution, for holding our next annual Sabbath School convention will be Sept. 14th and 15th. The Executive Committee is ready to receive invitations from churches in the District who wish to entertain the next convention. Please send in your invitations soon.

J. H. KNEPPER.
JACOB MUSSER. } Ex. Comm.
J. J. KIMMEL. }

Berlin, Pa., April 27th. 1886.

Church Dedication.

The Brethren of the Berrian Congregation are building a church house and expect to dedicate it May 16th, and we extend a cordial invitation to the brethren. Those desiring to come by rail will stop off at Avers, on the Mich. Central R. R., or Sawyer, on the Chicago & West Michigan.

JOHN H. ENGLISH.
Sawyer, Berrian Co., Mich.

West Independence, Ohio.

May 1.—In response to your inquiry in last issue as to what I am doing, will just say I am throng with work, and have neglected one duty; viz., writing for the paper.

Am now on my way to Bellefontaine, Logan Co., to fill my appointments. I visit the Brethren there once a month; preach Saturday eve., Sunday morning and evening.

We have preaching in our home church every two weeks, Sabbath School every Sabbath, and Bible meeting every Thursday night. The church here is alive and prospering.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

A Valuable Present.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I received a letter recently from Wayne County, Ohio, written by a brother who claims to be a "full fledged German Baptist." But O how different from the one written to me on Dec. 31st, 1885. The letter contained \$5.00 for my crippled boy, showing that the writer "loved not in word only." But what I prized the more highly was the candor of the letter—on our difference, outspoken yet Christ-like. We are becoming more and more fully convinced every day that in the G. B. church there are thousands of noble, and Christ-like hearts, and that the division between us and that church was caused by the spirit of intolerance. If every brother would manifest the spirit of this brother, our difference could soon be reconciled. He calls me brother, and being addressed by a G. B. brother, by that endearing appellation made me weep again. It seems so long ago since any one professing allegiance to that church saw proper to use that courtesy toward me. He is a stranger to me in the flesh, but I believe we have mutually partaken of the same spirit. May the richest blessings of heaven rest upon him and all like him.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.

Five Pebbles.

Please find enclosed five dollars for Ashland College. I am one of the sisters to put in one dollar towards freeing the debt, and I hope the sisters will all send in their dollar, by the middle of May next. Yes, all put in your dollar,—and like sister Catharine Holman, get your husband to put in a dollar, or five dollars, or even 100 pebbles if he will, and in this way you will be the means of raising \$2,000 as easy as \$1,000, besides taking a great burden off of brother Holsinger, who is laboring hard in that direction, and is anxious to see the day that we can say the debt is paid. My husband, like brother Holman, thinks he must put in a mite also. Is it possible, Christian people, that we wait and wait for a few to pay this debt, why not each one do a little? How easy that would be. Are you going to let brother Holsinger wear himself out altogether canvassing the church over and over, when we can do the work in a week or at least two? How oft have we been asked through the paper to be charitable and that the debt must be paid. Oh, how many dollars we spend unprofitably—how many dollars are spent for chewing and smoking. If you will and must chew, you can but remember and send the first pebble for Ashland College.

ELLA HORNER.

E. L. HORNER.

Brighton, Indiana.

Sherwood, Ohio.

April 30th.—As we love to hear the good news from the different parts of the Brotherhood, I thought others would like to hear from us. We are not entirely idle; the good work is going on; the Lord is with us in our labors. We have meeting every Sabbath although we have no house; we have the use of the school house.

At our regular meeting April 25th, three were buried with

Christ in baptism and raised, we trust, to walk in newness of life. All were heads of families, and more will be baptized at our next meeting. We too have our battles to fight. The enemy is ready to tear down, but Bro. Stuckman is not afraid to declare the whole truth, and wherever the word is preached it is gladly received. May the Lord bless his cause everywhere, is my prayer.

G. W. FILHOUR.

Chanute, Kans.

April 30th.—Maple Park branch of the Pleasant Valley church held their first Quarterly Council Meeting on the afternoon of the 17th, inst., in what is known as the Clums school house, two miles North from the village of Galesburg in this county, (Neosho), Elder H. J. Hixson presiding, Bro. Hixson is our pastor. To Elder Hixson must be given all the praise for being instrumental in organizing this class. A more zealous and devoted minister than he is, is not picked up every day. He is not only competent in administering to the spiritual wants of his flocks, but he is truly the ideal man, in the fullest acceptance of the term. A man with few enemies and scores of friends, both inside and out of the church. This little society is made up of model men and women, whole souled, fervent in spirit, and Christ-like. I have yet to meet with a more sociable set of people than compose the Maple Park society, and especially is this the case with the family of Bro. David Clum. Their home is widely known throughout this section of the country, as the Progressive Brethren's retreat. The number of brethren and sisters, who have been entertained in one way and another since they sojourned in Kans., is legion. But as before stated, the members are all sociable and hospitable around there.

It was decided in our council meeting that each member composing M. P. organization pay once every quarter, such a sum of money as he or she feels able to donate, which fund is to be known as the Kansas Mission fund, for the promotion and spread of the gospel. The sum of one dollar and eighty-one cents was raised by collection on Sabbath evening. It is hoped that this important matter will not be neglected in the future, but that each member come prepared with his or her mite, even though it be the widow's mentioned in divine writ. There is no telling, brethren, the great amount of good that may result from those small sums of money thus donated, if but properly applied. It was likewise decided that we hold a communion or love-feast, on Saturday night before the third Lord's day in June next. The place for holding the meeting has not definitely been settled yet, but it will be made known through the columns of the B. E., and otherwise, in plenty of time. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance upon the part of the brethren and sisters composing other organizations, and especially are ministering brethren invited. Brethren remember the day and date of this meeting and come—a good time is expected. But come full of the Holy Ghost, and it will do you good.

The weather just now is quite cool, and yesterday morning we

had a light frost. But there was no damage done to amount to anything. The corn is mostly in the ground. And now if the season is a favorable one, there will be a large crop of corn raised in Kansas this year. Times are very close here. This far the emigration from the East this spring has been comparatively light, as compared with other years.

EPHRAIM H. VAIL.

A Holiday for the Wife.

Give your wife a vacation. She needs one. Little cares are harder to bear than greater responsibilities, and she has many more cares than her husband, and sometimes as great responsibilities. The doctors tell us more women break down mentally than men, and they also tell us this is because they have more cares to carry, and have to carry them continuously. When your work is done you can lock it up in your office and put the key in your pocket. But she never locks her work up till sleep comes and turns the key upon it.

A woman's work is never done. And modern life has increased and intensified it. Cares have multiplied faster than conveniences. Life is more complex, its demands are greater and more numerous, society more exacting. Who needs a vacation if she does not? And she cannot get it at home. The more quiet and restful the home is to you, the more evidence that it is a care it not a burden to her. A housekeeper can no more take a vacation in her home than a merchant in his counting-house. Even though her absence occasions inconvenience, give her an occasional vacation.—Detroit Free Press.

The Salvation Army is concluding arrangements for holding in London a monster international religious convention. The managers announce that they have secured five of the largest halls in London for the accommodation of the thousands expected to attend. The convention will open on May 10th next, and will last one week. The regular delegates who will be present to represent the army's religious movement in the different foreign parts of the world, will number 2,500. These delegates, the managers say, will include Hindoos, negroes, Maoris and American Indians. Passage for the American delegates have already been secured aboard the steamer Assyrian Monarch, which will sail from New York about May 15th.

Sister's Band to Raise \$1,000 for Ashland College.

Ella & E. L. Horner 5.00 Sister 1.00
Sarah Leslie 1.00 Libbie Moyer 1.00
Mrs. David D. Daily 8.00 Mrs. M. A. Snyder 5.00

The Wedding Ring.

We have just received a book with the above title, comprising a series of sermons, by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, upon the relations existing between husband and wife and all the family relations.

No series of sermons ever delivered have caused a greater sensation than these, and we recommend all who can to read this book.

The following is the table of contents: The Choice of a Wife: The Choice of a Husband: Chastity Marriage: Matrimonial Harmony or Discord: Marital Duties: Costume and Morals: Duties of Wives to Husbands: Hotels versus Homes: The Domestic circle: Sisters and Brothers: The Children's Patrimony: "Motherhood": Trials of Housekeeping. It contains 204 pages, and will be sent to any address, in paper cover for 25 cents, or in plain cloth for 50 cents, or cloth with gilt edges for one dollar, by J. S. OGLVIE & Co., The Publishers, 31 Rose Street, New York.